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COMMUNICATION TERMINAL APPARATUS, AND COMMUNICATION
CONTROL METHOD



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A Notice of the Reason for the Rejection, issued by the Japanese Patent Office on January 25, 2000 for Japanese Patent Application No. HEI 11-154447 is enclosed, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. HEI 11-088632 to KEIJI et al., entitled "Communication Equipment", which was published on March 30, 1999, along with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. SHO 62-269564 to MOTEGI, entitled "Facsimile Apparatus", which was published on November 24, 1987, along with an English language translation of the relevant portion of the document; and

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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-116718 to MINORU, entitled "Communication Terminal Equipment and Communication Control Method", which was published on May 2, 1997.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite these documents and the enclosed Abstracts/translations. Copies of the above-noted patents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/117,176 to NOMA et al., entitled "Modem Control Method", which was filed on July 29, 1998;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/117,177 to NOMA et al., entitled "Modem Control Method", which was filed on July 29, 1998;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/262,334 to NOGUCHI et al., entitled "Modem Apparatus and Data Communication Method", which was filed on March 4, 1999;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/331,716 to HIGUCHI, entitled "Data Communication Apparatus and Data Communication Method", which was filed on June 25, 1999; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/523,599 to ATSUTA, entitled "Modem Apparatus,

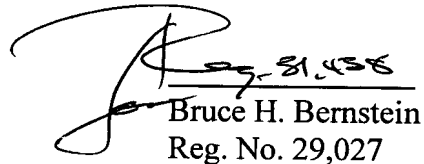
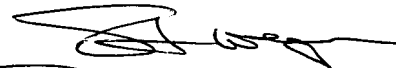
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Communication Control Apparatus, Communication Terminal Apparatus, and Communication Control Method" which was filed on March 10, 2000.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrappers of these U.S. Patent Applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate any of the applications, Applicant will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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